



## 2017 Scheduler Report

For the 2017 Season, the RMLL again used the SportzSoft Scheduling Software to assist in generating the RMLL Division schedules.

The RMLL schedule is created using the Division parameters, team scheduling constraints, arena availability, arena parameters and ALRA requirements.

In the 2017 Season, the RMLL scheduled a total of 677 games. 544 Regular Season games (507 in Alberta). 86 Playoff games were scheduled of which 63 were played. 39 Provincial games were scheduled of which 35 were required. Regular Season, Playoff and Provincial games were scheduled in 37 arenas across the Province as well as, one arena in Saskatchewan, one arena in Winnipeg and one in B.C (down from 40 AB arenas in 2016). Between Regular Season and Playoffs there were total of 14 defaults (5 in 2016), and 22 game change requests (35 in 2016). The two ALRA Assignors for the RMLL covered all the scheduled RMLL games.

The RMLL Regular Season ran from April 15 to July 16. During the thirteen weeks of Regular Season play, due to the staggered start and end dates of each Division Regular Season play, there were seven weeks where all the Divisions were playing Regular Season games.

| Week | Date                 | Number of Games |
|------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1    | April 15 to April 22 | 19              |
| 2    | April 23 to April 29 | 33              |
| 3    | April 30 to May 6    | 49              |
| 4    | May 7 to May 13      | 49              |
| 5    | May 14 to May 20     | 37              |
| 6    | May 21 to May 27     | 38              |
| 7    | May 28 to June 3     | 55              |
| 8    | June 4 to June 10    | 54              |
| 9    | June 11 to June 17   | 64              |
| 10   | June 18 to June 24   | 53              |
| 11   | June 25 to July 1    | 39              |
| 12   | July 2 to July 8     | 24              |
| 13   | July 10 to July 16   | 30              |

All Playoffs and Provincials were completed by the end of the August long weekend except for the Sr. B Division where their last Provincial game was scheduled on August 20.

Division schedules continue to be extremely customized. Customization now includes avoiding conflicts between teams in different Divisions due to a shortage of coaches. All the customization along with extremely short Seasons in some Divisions, reduced arena availability and increased dates a team can not play, is increasing the difficulty of creating our schedules. Ensuring all the teams have entered their time slots, entered enough time slots, have entered all their playing constraints and creating the map of who is playing who based on travel, etc. continues to be very time consuming. In 2017, 46 teams provided time slots. GELC provided facility constraints for 5 teams using GELC contracted arenas and CDLA provided facility constraints for the 3 teams using CDLA contracted arenas. The RMLL provided the facility constraints for 10 RMLL teams using Stu Peppard for games.

## **RMLL Contracted Arenas:**

### **Calgary**

2017 was the fifth year of having one arena in Calgary used specifically for Major. We acquired Stu Peppard from April 7 through to August 6 and Max Bell from August 8 to 20. Seven Major teams used this arena for practices and nine (ten in 2016) Major teams had their home games scheduled at Stu Peppard. The RMLL will again contract a Calgary arena for Major in 2018. Floor for 2018 must be booked by Oct. 27, 2017 and Jan. 31st, 2018 is the last day to cancel a floor booking.

The ALRA is anticipating a shortage of Sr. Referees again in 2017. To assist in being able to cover RMLL games with the appropriate Referees, the ALRA still requires the RMLL to schedule more game on weeknights, (local vs local only play weeknights), less games on Saturday and Sunday, more back to back games in the same arena and to not schedule games in the same Division at the same time in different arenas in the same local areas.

| <b>Weekday</b> | <b>2015 #</b> | <b>2015%</b> | <b>2016 #</b> | <b>2016 %</b> | <b>2017 #</b> | <b>2017%</b> | <b>ALRA Request %</b> |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Sun.</b>    | 166           | 34%          | 156           | 33%           | 170           | 31%          | 30%                   |
| <b>Mon.</b>    | 0             | 0%           | 15            | 3%            | 10            | 2%           | 5%                    |
| <b>Tues.</b>   | 15            | 3%           | 19            | 4%            | 13            | 2%           | 5%                    |
| <b>Wed.</b>    | 49            | 10%          | 47            | 10%           | 73            | 13%          | 10%                   |
| <b>Thurs.</b>  | 20            | 4%           | 18            | 4%            | 22            | 4%           | 5%                    |
| <b>Fri.</b>    | 68            | 14%          | 64            | 14%           | 71            | 13%          | 15%                   |
| <b>Sat.</b>    | 171           | 35%          | 158           | 33%           | 185           | 34%          | 30%                   |
|                | 489           |              | 474           |               | 544           |              |                       |

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**2017 Regular Season**

| Division     | # of Teams (Final) | Season Games per Team | RMLL Original # of Games | RMLL Final # of Games | Game Change Requests | Defaults  | Cancelled | Referee "No Shows" |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| Senior B     | 7                  | 18                    | 63                       | 63                    | 0                    | 0         | 0         | 0                  |
| Senior C     | 8                  | 15                    | 60                       | 60                    | 2                    | 2         | 0         | 0                  |
| Jr. A        | 5                  | 20                    | 50                       | 50                    | 4                    | 1         | 0         | 0                  |
| Tier I       | 12                 | 20                    | 120                      | 120                   | 3                    | 0         | 0         | 0                  |
| Tier II N    | 6                  | 14                    | 42                       | 42                    | 1                    | 0         | 0         | 0                  |
| Tier II S    | 10                 | 18                    | 90                       | 90                    | 5                    | 9         | 0         | 0                  |
| Tier III     | 4                  | 14                    | 28                       | 28                    | 7                    | 0         | 0         | 0                  |
| Sr. Ladies   | 5                  | 14                    | 35                       | 35                    | 0                    | 1         | 0         | 0                  |
| Jr. Ladies   | 7                  | 16                    | 56                       | 56                    | 0                    | 1         | 0         | 0                  |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>64</b>          |                       | <b>544</b>               | <b>544</b>            | <b>22</b>            | <b>14</b> | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>           |

**2017 RMLL Playoff Games**

| Division     | # Games Scheduled | # of Games Needed | Game Change Requests | Defaults | Referee "No Shows" |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Senior B     | 10                | 6                 | 0                    | 0        | 0                  |
| Senior C     | 6                 | 4                 | 0                    | 0        | 0                  |
| Jr. A        | 5                 | 3                 | 0                    | 0        | 0                  |
| Tier I       | 36                | 27                | 0                    | 0        | 0                  |
| Tier II N    | 12                | 9                 | 0                    | 0        | 0                  |
| Tier II S    | 12                | 9                 | 0                    | 0        | 0                  |
| Tier III     | 0                 | 0                 | 0                    | 0        | 0                  |
| Sr. Ladies   | 5                 | 5                 | 0                    | 0        | 0                  |
| Jr. Ladies   | 0                 | 0                 | 0                    | 0        | 0                  |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>86</b>         | <b>63</b>         | <b>0</b>             | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>           |

**2017 RMLL Exhibition Games**

| Division     | # of Games | Game Change Requests | Cancelled | Defaults | Referee "No Shows" |
|--------------|------------|----------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------|
| Senior B     | 3          | 0                    | 0         | 0        | 0                  |
| Senior C     | 1          | 0                    | 0         | 0        | 0                  |
| Jr. A        | 11         | 0                    | 0         | 0        | 0                  |
| Tier I       | 13         | 0                    | 0         | 0        | 0                  |
| Tier II      | 2          | 0                    | 0         | 0        | 0                  |
| Tier III     | 0          | 0                    | 0         | 0        | 0                  |
| Sr. Ladies   | 1          | 0                    | 0         | 0        | 0                  |
| Jr. Ladies   | 0          | 0                    | 0         | 0        | 0                  |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>31</b>  | <b>0</b>             | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>           |

**Comparable**

|      | Exhibition | Regular Season | Playoff Played | Provincial | Total |
|------|------------|----------------|----------------|------------|-------|
| 2009 |            | 471            | 51             | 43         | 565   |
| 2010 |            | 455            | 63             | 15         | 533   |
| 2011 | 19         | 542            | 44             | 42         | 657   |
| 2012 | 23         | 506            | 45             | 27         | 600   |
| 2013 | 35         | 516            | 49             | 30         | 630   |
| 2014 | 21         | 525            | 53             | 33         | 632   |
| 2015 | 27         | 508            | 55             | 41         | 631   |
| 2016 | 23         | 504            | 55             | 40         | 622   |
| 2017 | 31         | 544            | 63             | 35         | 673   |